

Mr. Hunter defending it, and Messrs. Howard and others disagreeing to it.

Mr. Crittenden, (opp.) of Ky., saw nothing to prevent the Senate altering the method of collecting the tariff. Mr. Sumner's amendment, he said, went no further than the mode of collection, and hence was not objectionable to the objection made by the Senate. Mr. Crittenden's valuation was the only safe one. Some of the calculations by which it was attempted to support this bill were fallacious. He read of a letter from the British Consul, the reports of the British insults were true, and were not simply disclaimed by England, we ought, he said, to be ready for every contingency in case the situation became favorable. He believed that England would give us ample apology for these offensive aggressions of her cruisers. (Mr. Crittenden) was not belligerent either in policy or feeling; but he would not permit the United States to be silent submission to wrong, or pulling about for a while and then suffering it to pass. He would not permit a gross wrong to be worse than war. English cannon cannot be permitted to stop our ships. He would not dispute with England about the value of the tariff, but he would not allow her to make any retrograde or suppose right to force her claim on what she makes an aggression on our national rights and honor. He will, said Mr. Crittenden, fight her upon the fact, with war for the armament.

Mr. Davis, (adm.) of Miss., made a reply to Mr. Crittenden, saying that economy must proceed from the House side.

Mr. Bell, (opp.) of Tenn., obtained the floor for a moment, and at 6 P. M. the Senate adjourned.

**House of Representatives.**  
WASHINGTON, MAY 25, 1858.

**THEIR ASSEMBLING OF CONGRESS.**

Mr. GROV, (opp.) of Pa., asked but did not obtain assent to offer a resolution that when Congress adjourns, on the 7th of June, it be until the 4th of November.

**DISTRICT RUMORS.**

Burlington relating to the District of Columbia was taken up.

Several bills were passed, including those for regulating the municipal elections in Washington; organizing a paid Fire Department in Washington and Georgetown; and appropriating \$51,000 for the purchase of steam engines and fire engines and police boats. It was also passed that the Ohio contested election case—CAMPBELL, ORTEGUE. The Ohio contested election case was then taken up. A resolution offered by Mr. MARSHALL, (opp.) of Ky., for the non payment of the question to this first Monday in December, was rejected by 25 majority.

A resolution of Mr. GILMER, (opp.) of N. C., a member of the House, was a gross wrong to the House. Campbell is entitled to the seat, was rejected by 25 majority.

A resolution of Mr. LAMAR, (adm.) of Miss., also of the committee, that Mr. Vallandigham is entitled to the seat was adopted by a majority.

The resolution of Mr. BARRIS, (opp.) of Ill., declaring the seat vacant, as just recommended by Mr. Lamar's committee, was rejected by 2 majority, and Mr. Vallandigham was sworn in.

**A RAILROAD IN WASHINGTON.**

The House passed a bill giving to a private company the privilege for twenty years to construct a railroad from Pennsylvania avenue, in the city of Washington.

**THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.**

The House on motion of Mr. J. GLANCY JONES, (adm.) of Pa., acted on the Senate's amendments to the Executive Appropriation and Legislative Appropriation bill.

**THE FORTIFICATION BILL.**

Then came up.

Mr. J. GLANCY JONES said it proposed an appropriation of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be expended in the purchase of arms and munitions for the present fortification and keeping in repair the fortifications for next year.

Mr. QUINCY, (adm.) of Miss., was unwilling that money should be appropriated without the specific items being given, for the whole sum might be expended on a single article.

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